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# Newsletter

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## UCD GRADUATE STUDIES

### NEWSLETTER



#### WELCOME

**Dean of Graduate Studies,  
Professor Barbara Dooley**

Summer trimester is here, and I hope you continue enjoying life on campus as the weather gets warmer!

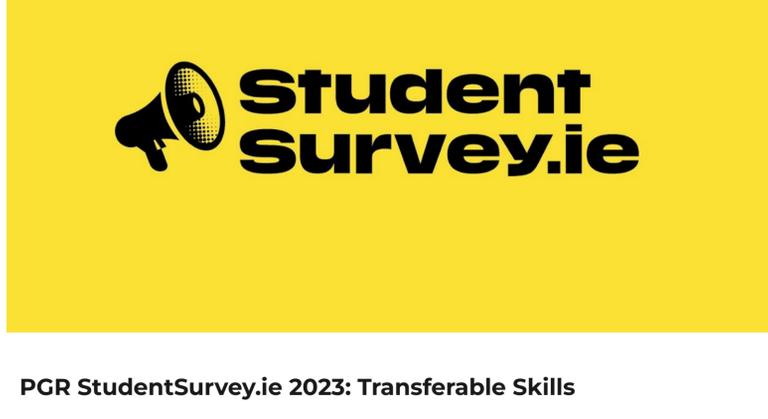


### ThesisIn3 Competition 2024

Graduate Studies is excited to organise our annual ThesisIn3 competition to take place on **Thursday 30th May, at 11.30am** in William Fry Theatre, UCD Sutherland School of Law, refreshments from 11.15 am in the atrium.

Research students will be challenged to present their research in three minutes for the [ThesisIn3 2024 Competition](#). Our judging panel of experts will have the opportunity to listen to the presentations on the day and make their decision. The winner will go on to represent UCD in the National Irish Universities Association (IUA) competition, see full details and a recording of 2023 event below and the [Universitas21 Three Minute Thesis Competition \(3MT®\)](#), where they will compete with researchers from all over the globe.

We hope you will join us, good luck to all the participants and we are looking forward to seeing you all on 30th May.



### PGR StudentSurvey.ie 2023: Transferable Skills

Based on the PGR StudentSurvey.ie 2023 data, 77% of graduate research students agree that their ability to communicate information effectively to diverse audiences has developed during their programme and almost 76% state that they have increasingly managed their own professional development during their programme.

I would also like to invite you to complete the [feedback form](#) for our Transferable Skills programme if you have attended some of the sessions this year. Your feedback is always helpful to improve our future offerings.

### Yr 1 Focus: Building the Community – Share Our Virtual Tea Events for Disabled Postgrads

Next Online Date:  
Fri May 31st,  
12:00-13:00

Captions and ISL provided!



### Virtual Tea break organised by [Launchpad](#)

AHEAD and the National Disabled Postgraduates Advisory Committee would like to see more disabled people progressing to postgraduate study and careers in research. That's why we worked together to form the LaunchPAD Partnership, PAD standing for Postgraduate, Academia and Disability.

The attainment of a postgraduate qualification has been found to be a key indicator of a higher standard of living and a better quality of life. AHEAD research shows that people with disabilities reporting for only 3% of the total postgraduate population with many disabled people reporting barriers to the participation (Participation Rates, AHEAD 2023). The Higher Education Authority (HEA), in recognition of the low participation rates of disabled people at postgraduate level, established the inclusion of disabled students in postgraduate study as a national strategic objective, expressed under the inclusivity goal within the Strategic Action Plan for Equity of Access, Participation and Success in Higher Education 2022 – 2028. (National Access Plan 2022-2028 | Policy | Higher Education Authority (hea.ie).

Please see details and link to registration form below.

[Registration Form](#)

### WOW - 'Write on Wednesday'

Our online writing group for graduate research students will be running again this summer, starting on Wednesday, May 29



Through two-hour **weekly** sessions, *Write On Wednesday* encourages students to commit to the process of live writing, whether that means starting an article or finishing a chapter; the idea is to get words down on the page.

The Writing Centre tutor sets and leads designated writing blocks, and during the breaks the students may share their writing tips and techniques that work for them. Find out more and book your place here:

<https://www.ucd.ie/writingcentre/about/workshopsandseminars/>



**This group is kindly sponsored by the UCD Graduate Studies.**

### Important information for Graduate Research students completing their studies

Once you graduate you will no longer have access to UCD Google Workspace (email address and all emails within the account, as well as contacts and documents that are stored within Google Drive) but will still retain a UCD Connect Account to access other online services such as transcripts etc. When graduating, we recommend you follow the recommended actions set out by IT Services.

[Important IT information for graduate students completing their studies](#)

### UCD Residences

Please see link to book UCD on campus accommodation as a PhD student.

[Book UCD Accommodation](#)



It is worth visiting our News & Events page regularly for updates about events that may be of interest.

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Your questions and feedback are always welcome via our Graduate Studies Connector.

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